

**Town of Arlington
Transportation Advisory Committee**

Minutes of 8/13/08, 7:15 pm to 10:00 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room
Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Mike Rademacher, Corey Rateau, Scott Smith, Ed Starr, Laura Wiener
Non-members Present: Jeff Roth (Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee)

1. Administration.

Meeting minutes of 7/9/08, Mike requested a correction to Item #1, handicap ramp in front of Sunrise Assisted Living “will be” installed. Approved unanimously with correction.

Correspondence and other handouts were reviewed.

- Corey will look for data regarding measurements taken in the past on Crosby Street.
- Howard will look at Chestnut Street pedestrian issues.

2. Lake Street Bicycle Accommodation. The Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee is requesting that when the Town repaves Lake Street, it consider narrowing the vehicle lanes slightly and widening the shoulder to accommodate bikes. This would also have the effect of calming traffic. Jeff Roth spoke in favor of this, as did Scott Smith. Jeff added that he would like to see the Town do more to accommodate bikes, and this would be a good start.

Motion: TAC recommends that the travel lanes be narrowed to about 11', and the shoulders widened to about 4' each. Voted unanimously.

3. Schedule for TAC recommendations to Board of Selectmen. Bishop School Phase 1a will go to Selectmen in September.
4. Standard Signs for Schools. Elisabeth is continuing to research standardizing our school zone signs. Jeff asked if Dallin signs could be replaced with standardized signs. Mike responded that it would not be the first priority, but ultimately they will all be standardized. Ed reported that the Town will receive a state earmark of \$100,000 for school safety and another \$100,000 for general transportation improvements.
5. Bishop School Phase 1A Recommendations. Reviewed and approved unanimously.
6. Town Day Prep. Ed presented shirts to the members. Laura will get handouts from MassRides and Zipcar. Notices of Green Line meetings, and Mass. Ave. Design meetings will be displayed.
7. Symmes Special Permit Issues. Regarding item a.3 of the transportation issues in the Special Permit, TAC voted to recommend double left turn lanes on Summer Street at Grove St. and Oak Hill Drive, preferably this fall. Scott presented a sketch representing the design, and indicated it is a standard approach to this situation. Laura will provide to Kevin as TAC's recommendation for a.3.
8. Westminster Update. A public meeting is planned for the fall. New stop signs are helping in the immediate areas, but speeds have not significantly changed further away. Town is pursuing additional traffic calming devices.
9. Stratton School Update. Some signs have been installed, others on their way.
10. Thompson School Update. First set of improvements will be ready for start of school.
11. Peirce Update. Recommendations accepted by Selectmen. Walk through is planned.
12. Dallin Update. Some signs need replacement with standard signs. SRTS is still evaluating the site.

13. Germaine Lawrence Update. Jeff and John walked the site with a ZBA member. They will conduct a parking and license plate survey on surrounding streets in September to determine if it is staff parking on the streets. Corey will look for existing data and send to Jeff.
14. Mass. Ave. Update. Received a contract from Mass Highway. Expect to be ready to proceed by September. Construction funding is on the 2010 TIP, so we will have to stay on schedule to not jeopardize those funds.
15. Green Line Update. At the last Advisory Committee meeting, the Medford Green line Neighborhood Assoc. presented a petition with over 2000 signatures to extend the Green line to Route 16/Mystic Valley Pkwy.
16. MUTCD updates. Scott presented a summary of new proposed signs from MUTCD.
17. Town News.
 - a. Symmes—demolition permit issued, but Town has not yet issued a building permit
 - b. Brighams—foreclosure auction on Aug. 21
 - c. CVS—no proposal submitted yet
 - d. Taylor Rental—developer has said that he will begin construction when he has a tenant.
 - e. CDBG funded ramps and sidewalks—proceeding along.
 - f. Flood maps—changes proposed by FEMA. Town Hall info. meeting planned for Sept. 4.
 - g. Forest St.—Survey is complete. Town is encouraging Gas Co. to replace lines while the road is open. As a result, Town will skimcoat the road before winter and do a full repaving in the spring.
18. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Handouts:

Ed's Meeting Package: Agenda, 8/13/08; Memos (2) from Marie Krepelka to Ed Starr, dated July 17, 2008; Letter from Sinan Akdag to Board of Selectmen, dated April 22, 2008; Memo from Officer Karen Kelley to Chief Frederick Ryan Re: Columbia Road Traffic Concerns, Dated June 19, 2008; "Active/Planned TAC Projects and Working Groups", dated 8/13/08; "Project Status", 9/11/08; "Scheduled meeting dates of Board [of Selectmen]"; "Town Day 2008"; Maps: "Parking in Arlington" and "Getting to School".

"Safety Recommendations for the Bishop School"

"Massachusetts Amendments to the MUTCD and the Standard Municipal Traffic Code, 2006, Figure 1, School Zone Intersection", from Mass Highway.

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Excerpt from Mass Highway Design Guide: Section 5.2.2 Partial Sharing for Bicycles and Motor Vehicles

Excerpts from the Federal Highway Administration presentation of the Jan 2, 2008 Proposed Amendments to the MUTCD